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# **ELECTRICAL NEWS BRIEF**

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## **Energy Management Devices**

Have you noticed the grey colored PVC boxes with Idaho Power seals on them showing up in the Treasure Valley? These boxes are being installed to assist Idaho Power and their customers to shed loads when needed and help control the peak demands on the power distribution system during high use times. The boxes are being installed for customers that request to be a part of the program. The installers are the manufacturer of the devices and are under the exclusive control of the power supplier. This is not an uncommon solution for peak use periods. Utah has just finished a program and many cooperatives have used systems on electric heat, water heaters and air conditioners. Because the controls are part of an automated system designed for Idaho Power to reduce air conditioner loads during the summer, they need to be sealed and under the exclusive control of the power supplier. Being under the exclusive control of a power supplier these installations are exempt from inspection and licensing per Idaho Code 54-1016.

